

THE SPECIFICATION

At Paragraph [0002]:

In addition, the applicants hereby incorporate the complete subject matter herein by reference, in their entirety, of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/478,287, entitled "Media Processing System Communicating Activity Information To Support User Interaction During Media Broadcasts" (Attorney Docket No. 15039US01 01040P-BP-2846), filed Jun. 13, 2003, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/448,705, entitled "Media Exchange Network With Media Guide Interface" (Attorney Docket No. 14330US01 01018P-BP-2819), filed Feb. 18, 2003, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/457,179, entitled "Server Architecture Supporting A Personal Media Exchange Network" (Attorney Docket No. 14825US01 01015P-BP-2831), filed Mar. 25, 2003, U.S. patent application Ser. No. [[____]] 10/657,390, entitled "Personal Inter-Home Media Exchange Network" (Attorney Docket No. 14185US02 01001P-BP-2800), filed Sep. 8, 2003, and U.S. patent application Ser. No. [[____]] 10/660,267, entitled "Personal Access And Control Of Media Peripherals On A Media Exchange Network" (Attorney Docket No. 14274US02 01002P-BP-2801), filed Sep. 11, 2003

At Paragraph [0046]:

FIG. 1C illustrates an exemplary notification groups list screen 140 showing the notification groups defined for several users of an MPS such as the MPS 102 of FIG. 1A, in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. Four groups have been defined in the illustration of FIG. 1C. Three of the groups belong to user "Dad": a "Good Friends" group 141, an "Investment" group 142, and a "Close Family" group 143 [[144]]. In addition, user "Son" has defined a "Son's Friends" group 144 [[143]]. Each of the listed activity groups 141, 142, 143, and 144 define a set of conditions under which a personal network activity indication for the corresponding user will be shared, and the identities of the media exchange network subscribers with whom it will be shared. Although the illustrations of FIGS. 1B and 1C show the use of only five parameters, the present invention is not limited in this regard. An embodiment of the present invention may employ a greater, a lesser, or a completely different complement of parameters in controlling the sharing of personal network activity indications in a media exchange network, without departing from the spirit of the present invention. In an embodiment of the present invention, a notification group list showing the notification groups of all users of a MPS or PC, such as that shown in the illustration of FIG. 1C, may be provided only to the administrator of the MPS or the PC, with each user able to view only their own notification groups. In an alternative embodiment, a non-administrative user may be permitted see all notification groups, but permitted to modify only their own entries.